



“Lent: Our 40 Days of Preparation”

Lent always seems to catch us suddenly, so soon after Christmas. And this year we need Lent more than ever, because in so many ways our world seems to have gone haywire. If we want to change the world, we must begin with improving ourselves, which ultimately only occurs with God’s grace.

How do we go about it? Below are some suggestions, which could perhaps even extend beyond Lent and become lasting habits:

1. Attend Mass several days a week, either arriving early or staying late to pray for your special intentions before the Blessed Sacrament, who will listen as you speak to Him from your heart.
2. Pray the Rosary daily on your way to or from work, offering particularly the Sorrowful Mysteries for your sins, and those of our society (such as the sin of abortion).
3. Sacrifice one meal a day for religious liberty in our country and also for Christians suffering persecution in the Middle East.
4. Talk to one or two friends about becoming Catholic, and to one or two lukewarm or fallen-away Catholics, about going to Confession or returning to the Church – and back up your initiative with prayer.
5. Consider making a general confession during Lent – not out of scruples over past confessions but as a means of spiritual growth. You will feel like a new person, ready to win the world for the Lord.

6. Make a special effort to ask your spouse about how you can better help him/her, and do the same with your children.
7. Give up television and/or all movies for Lent, and instead read the scriptures or a spiritual book.
8. Make a generous donation – one that hurts – to your parish, food bank, homeless shelter, or pro-life pregnancy center.
9. Reconcile with relatives or estranged/former friends, or at least make the attempt.
10. Pray the Stations of the Cross once a week, in any form you choose, whether praying them at Church or privately at home. Pick up a guide to the Stations by such “spiritual giants” as St. Josemaria Escriva, or Pope St. John Paul II, or Pope Benedict XVI, or Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman.

And pay attention in prayer: you may just hear God calling you to still other paths He would like you to follow.

The Rev. Edward J. Smith

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 6th



9:00 am - Mass
Noon - Ash Service

“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” Genesis 3:19

UPDATE

Social Hall

We are very happy to report that we have collected all the necessary funds to complete our Social Hall Air Conditioning project!

Thank you so much for your generosity and support! We are contracted with Ray Giddich Heating and Air Conditioning to install our new unit once there is a break in the weather. We are all anxious to see this project to completion. We thank you for your patience during this time.

bring in Gable Elevator Company to resolve the issues we have been having. We have learned that each of the doors at the ground and gym levels had two locks, while all of these locks were adapted, they were not designed for our type of elevator. Two men from Gable Elevator were on site tracing and re-wiring the door interlocks for the doors. This along with operator error has created most of the problems we have had with the elevator.

We have also been working on again repairing the Elevator. We were able to Our total cost to repair the elevator was \$5,934.45. **Since this repair, our Elevator is fully functional!** The elevator has already been used by CYO, the Funeral Luncheon Committee, Marian Guild, PAC, and staff. The objective of this repair was to make the elevator reliable and dependable to meet the individual elevator needs for all the groups of the parish. Again thank you for your patience with the Elevator. We hope it is fixed for a long time to come!

Thank you

All are invited for a Soup Supper & Presentation entitled
“In the Footsteps of Mother Mary”

Sponsored by the Marian Guild

Monday, March 18th at 6 pm



Mary of Nazareth is not a goddess, but a flesh and blood woman. Her faith in responding to God's call and facing her vocation's extraordinary challenges makes her a model for us. This presentation offers realistic views of Mary based on Scripture but with insights from historians. We will draw three practices from Mary's spirituality that can help us strengthen our relationship with God and suggestions on ways we can imitate them.

This program will begin with a Prayer Service in the Church followed by a Soup Supper & Presentation by Sr. Kathleen Glavich, SND in the Social Hall.

Presentation is free but please bring a donation of paper products or cleaning supplies for St. Vincent de Paul.



Santa Visits the School On December 21st



Pre-School



Kindergarten



1st Grade



2nd Grade



3rd Grade



4th Grade



5th Grade



6th Grade



7th Grade



8th Grade



LENT

Pray + Fast + Give



It is time to prepare our hearts for our Risen Jesus. **The 40 days of Lent begins Ash Wednesday, March 6th.** Don't miss out on the many events & opportunities we have this season to lead you in prayer, fasting & almsgiving.

There will be two Weekly opportunities to pray the Lenten Stations of the Cross. Join us every Friday beginning Friday, March 8th, at 1:30 pm to pray with the school children. Deacon Paul will also pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday, at 7:00 pm leading up to a **Good Friday Stations of the Cross at Noon on Friday, April 19th.** Come prayerfully reflect on Jesus' journey & sacrifice throughout Lent.

If you cannot make our weekly Friday devotions, St. Teresa will offer the Stations on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm.

Our Pierogi Sales begin Ash Wednesday & continue Fridays during Lent. Come enjoy our favorite meatless dish all season long. Spread the word!

There will be two opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will have an **Evening of Confession on Wednesday, March 20th from 5-8 pm & our Lenten Penance Service on Sunday, April 14th, at 2pm at St. Anthony's.** Come prepare your hearts with the gift of mercy & forgiveness from our God.

There will be a special event hosted by our amazing Marian Guild. *All parishioners are invited on Monday, March 18th at 6 pm to a Prayer Service in the Church* followed by a soup supper in the Social Hall. We will hear a wonderful Lenten Message from Sr. Kathleen Glavich, SND on "In The Footsteps of Mother Mary". Mark your calendar **NOW** & plan to attend.

Keep an eye on the bulletin for these & more events this Lenten Season. May your Lenten Journey of prayer, fasting & almsgiving bring you closer to the Risen Jesus.



Holy Thursday

Thursday, April 18th

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00 pm

Good Friday

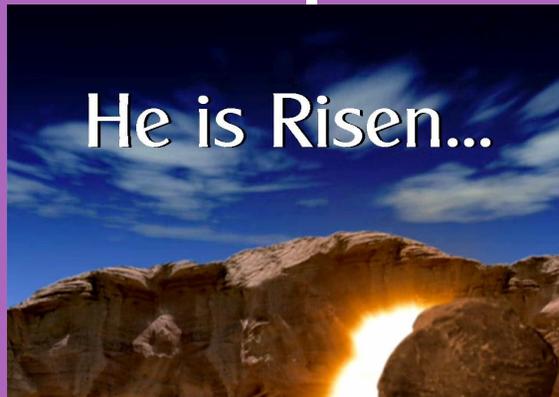
Friday, April 19th

Stations of the Cross

Noon

The Lord's Passion

3:00 pm



Blessing of Food

Saturday, April 20th

Noon in Church

Easter Masses

Holy Saturday,

April 20th

7:30 pm Vigil

Resurrection Sunday,

April 21st

10:00 am

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HOORAY!

It's Pierogi Time!

Starting March 6th we will be selling our World Famous Potato with Cheese & Sauerkraut Pierogi.

1305 E. ERIE AVE., LORAIN 44052

SALE DATES

March 6th (Ash Wednesday), 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

April 5th, 12th, 19th

10AM - 6PM

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440-934-4482 or 440-288-1752 on sale days

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LET US BRING IT TO YOU!**

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CALL FOR DETAILS

\$80 MINIMUM &

PRE-ORDER REQUIRED

BAKED GOODS
will also be on sale!

SPECIALTY FLAVORS

(FROZEN ONLY) will be available on sale days!

COST

Pierogi

Frozen \$7/dz

Cooked \$8/dz

Cabbage & Noodles

Small \$3 Large \$6

Macaroni & Cheese

Small \$3 Large \$6

Pierogi To Go Dinner

6 pierogi, cabbage & noodles
& macaroni & cheese \$10

Specialty Flavor Pierogi

Frozen \$4/half dz



St. Anthony School News

Dearest parishioners of St. Anthony of Padua Parish,

I write with zeal to share information about our school! The academic year has brought with it many new and exciting changes. This year, the teachers and staff have been introduced to a new methodology of teaching and learning concerning religious formation, namely, the faith family model. Based on the idea that religion is a *social phenomenon*, groups of students from each grade (Kindergarten to 8th) gather together in a "Faith Family" to share their spiritual journeys, and to interact with students from across the school community to promote a culture of unity. In this way, the peer socializa-

tion process may influence the students' personal religiosity.

Students have a chance to discuss their personal journeys, ask faith-based questions, take turns leading group prayers, prepare religious projects, and learn from one another about our Catholic faith. Faith families begin their time together in prayer, allowing older students a chance to model positive leadership. The school's Catholic identity goal is to build upon this model looking forward as we aim to incorporate student-driven prayer services, student servant leader ambassadors, and community-based service projects.

"Faith, which has come to be regarded as the essential, the substance, of religion, is first a relation between individuals."

~Georg Simmel, 1905

Understanding the developmental stages of our children is critical in their education, especially with regard to their faith formation. So, we look to structure the teaching of our catholicity in a more peer-to-peer way to make learning about Catholic values, beliefs, and traditions more familiar.

With many blessings,

Lucia Heddleson,
Principal

Help our St. Vincent de Paul Society!



The St. Vincent de Paul Society Parish Appeal for the month of March will focus on cleaning supplies to assist our clients with their "spring cleaning". In May, we are asking for a variety of condiments: ketchup, mustard, relish, BBQ sauce etc. to help our clients enjoy the summer holidays with a little something extra. We continue to thank God for you and your generosity and concern each and every month. We also thank our faithful SVDP volunteers who are dedicated to the welfare of our parishioners and neighbors.

It is never too late to JOIN 200 CLUB!

Help keep tradition alive! For over 35 years, parishioners, family, & friends of St. Anthony of Padua have been gathering to raise money that remains here at St Anthony. Joining 200 club simply means buying a ticket. You then become a member and will be entered into the 43 cash drawings and have a seat at our upcoming dinner on April 27th. Attendance at the dinner is not required for any of the 43 cash drawings. There is no long term obligation. If you wish to be entered into the next round of drawings, you can simply renew your membership by buying another ticket. We hold two dinners a year, one in April and the other in November.

The dinner on Saturday, April 27th, will take place in the St. Anthony Social Hall from 5:00-8:30 pm. We will begin the evening with appetizers, soft drinks, lemonade, iced tea and coffee following the 4:00 pm Mass. You have the opportunity to play tips/instant, side boards, 50/50, and basket raffles. The evening will conclude with the drawings for all the raffles and cash prizes.

Interested? *Join today by sending your name, address, phone number & email along with payment* in one of the following ways: drop in the collection basket at Mass, place in the mailbox at the St. Anthony Parish Office side door, hand deliver to Kim in the Parish Office, mail to 1305 E. Erie Ave., Lorain, OH 44052, or by contacting Eric 440-320-7902, or Eddie 440-670-3779, to make special arrangements.

Join 200 Club

43 Cash Prizes

Meal on April 27th

instants/tips, sideboards, 50/50

Tickets \$30

Call 320-7902 or 670-3779

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Mark Your Calendars!

Wednesday, March 6th

Ash Wednesday

9:00 am Mass

Noon Ash Service

1st Lenten Pierogi Sale (10 am - 6 pm)

Friday, March 8th

Beginning of weekly

Stations of the Cross

1:30 pm & 7:00 pm

Beginning of Friday Pierogi Sales

Monday, March 18th

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Prayer Service & Soup Supper

with Sr. Kathleen Glavich

6:00 pm

Wednesday, March 20th

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5:00 - 8:00 pm

Sunday, April 14th

Palm Sunday

Lenten Penance Service

2:00 pm at St. Anthony's

Holy Thursday, April 18th

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 19th

Stations of the Cross

Noon

The Lord's Passion

3:00 pm

Parish Office closes at Noon

Holy Saturday, April 20th

Food Blessings in the Church

Noon

Easter Vigil Mass

7:30 pm

Easter Sunday, April 21st

The Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Mass

10:00 am

Easter Monday, April 22nd

Parish Office Closed!



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